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Enhancement of the functioning of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in regard to the operation of the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights should continue to ensure effective coordination between its various branches in order to avoid any overlapping among all the mechanisms mandated and/or reporting to the Commission on Human Rights, as referred to in the report of the intersessional open-ended working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission,[1]

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] E/CN.4/2000/112.

Taking note of decision 47/102 of the Commission on the Status of Women,[2] in which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the future work of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women for its consideration,

1. *Decides* to postpone any decision on the transmission of communications and their contents between the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council until the Commission on the Status of Women concludes its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General regarding the future work of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women and, in the meantime, to continue with present practice, as set out, notably in its resolution 1983/27 of 26 May 1983;

2. *Confirms* that communications and urgent appeals are to be forwarded to the concerned States under the authorization of the special mechanisms;

3. *Decides* that the present decision overrides Commission on Human Rights decision 2003/113 of 25 April 2003.[3]

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[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 7* (E/2003/27), chap. I, sect. C.

[3] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 3* (E/2003/23 (Part I)), chap. II, sect. B.